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# Open For Business

On Thursday December 9, 1999, Worcester State College will be open for business. I was told by Dr. Jeffrey Roberts that this decision was made in the best of interest of WSC. Closed circuit Television will be available for students to view the memorial service being held at the Worcester Centrum for the six firefighters killed last Friday in the warehouse fire. We will remain open due the fact that Thursday is the last scheduled day of Tuesday-Thursday classes. If we had a snowstorm, school would be cancelled. But to pay tribute to six fallen members of our community, I see now that life goes on. In this person's opinion, WSC has made a poor choice of issues to take a stand on. These men sacrificed themselves for the good of others, yet we do not postpone our busy lives for one day to pay our respect to them. This is a time for "peace on earth and good will to all people" yet the show must go on at WSC. So for all of you here on Thursday, you can look but cannot touch.

## Behind the scenes at the Student Voice

John Brown III

This article is for everyone who read the first issue of the Voice and wasn't exactly impressed with the quality of it. There are many reasons why we the staff weren't quite thrilled with how it turned out either, so I decided to let you all know what's been going on here so that you won't be so quick to be critical of what we've been turning out.

The first big concern here has been the staff, or more to the point, the lack of staff. As most people know, the Voice was pretty much disbanded at the end of last year, for reasons that aren't even really worth getting into. This left everyone on last years' staff a little bitter, and as such we have no returning staff. So, in other words, we've had to completely rebuild our staff, with no one really knowing what they were doing. We got some help from a few of last year's staff in getting things started, but after that we've been pretty much on our own to figure out how to do this thing. I myself was elected Managing Editor, without really knowing just what the hell that entailed. So that's been a bit of a big hurdle to get over, trying to get everyone adjusted to their position, and get them a working knowledge of what they should be doing and how to go about doing so.

Hot on the tails of staffing on our list of problems has been our computers. All the computers in the Voice office are Macs, save for one Dell that we got from IT a few weeks back. Now, I'm sure that these computers were state of the art machines at some point, but that day has long since passed. Now they are just temperamental little bothers which are non-compatible with the rest of the campus. Since we're non-compatible, that means that every article that gets written has to be re-typed on a Mac so that we can plug it into our layout computer. There have been numerous problems with the Macs besides compatibility, I think that we've had just about every computer problem you can name besides having one of them blowing up in our faces.

In fact, the last issue would have gotten out a lot earlier if it weren't for the fact that our layout computer had a nasty virus which would not let it print anything. After giving it a little cough syrup, and a lot of help from Tim Sullivan, we had a working computer again and were able to print the paper. This is why most of the articles were so horribly out of date, they had been sitting on the computer waiting to be printed for so long. And by the time we finally got the thing fixed, we had the choice of either throwing out all our articles and not getting an issue out for another few weeks, or sucking it up and going with what we had. In the end, we decided that we needed to get an issue out as soon as possible to let people know that we're back up and running, and maybe be able to attract a few more staff members that way. We're still waiting to see if this little ploy will work.

But let's get back to the staffing problem again for a bit. We have had problems not only with having staff members who didn't know what they were doing, we've also had problems with most of our staff members not caring enough to actually do some work. Everything you've seen and read so far has been pretty much thrown together by a core group of about four people. Yes, we've had lots of people writing articles, but that's not exactly the hardest thing in the world to do. Once the articles were written, everyone seemed to be waiting for the newspaper fairy to magically put their articles into the paper. It don't work that way, folks. Layout is a tough, dull, and rewardless job. As such, we haven't exactly had people lining up asking to do it. We have no layout editor, who would be the person that most of the burden would usually fall upon. The editors haven't been the greatest help, either. We have two co-editors, supposedly, but neither of them really have the time or energy to put into this paper. As such, most of us have seen them very rarely, and seen them working on the paper even less often. I don't want to bitch and moan, but frankly if they didn't have the time to contribute to this thing, maybe they shouldn't have signed up in the first place. I'm not trying to attack the

editors, I just think that if they can't do the job, they should step down and stop pretending that they can. It's time to make room for some people who have the enthusiasm and drive to do something with the paper.

So, all in all, it's quite a feat that we've been able to get anything out at all, let alone two issues. Granted, we may not be putting out Pulitzer-quality work here, but the important thing is that we've got the paper up and running. We can improve on it as we go along, and get better attuned to what we have to do to make this paper a success. We encourage anyone who is interested in writing to help us out, and make this paper something that this school can be proud of. Anyone interested in working with us, in any respect, can call the Voice office at 754-2313, or email us at thevoicewsc@hotmail.com. New members are always welcome, and new voices are needed to help work out all the kinks that we keep running into.

Brendan Jeral, Ex-Managing Editor

## Worcester State College Student Named to Board of Higher Education

(Worcester, MA - December 6, 1999) Ms. Andrea Wamboldt, 21, a resident of Sunderland, MA and a student at Worcester State College, was appointed by Governor A. Paul Cellucci to serve on the Commonwealth's Board of Higher Education.

Ms. Wamboldt is a senior majoring in Natural Science with a minor in Chemistry and Mathematics, and a concentration in Pre-Medicine. She is the daughter of Mr. Leonard Wamboldt and Ms. Debra Ponte of Sunderland.

Ms. Wamboldt is currently a Student Trustee on the Worcester State College Board of Trustees, and is also a Co-Chairperson on the Student Government Association's Auction for the Homeless, which is scheduled for 5 P.M. on December 7, 1999. An active and concerned community participant, she is a member of the City-wide Clean Up Committee and a Volunteer for Kids to College. Additionally, she is a Student Intern at Worcester East Middle School, where she coordinates and develops health related events.

Ms. Wamboldt was nominated for the Most Dedicated Student Leader Award and also nominated for the Helping Hand, Student Award. She is a Presidential Scholar and has made Dean's List in the Spring of 1998 and 1997.

In her spare time, Ms. Andrea Wamboldt is an avid skydiver.



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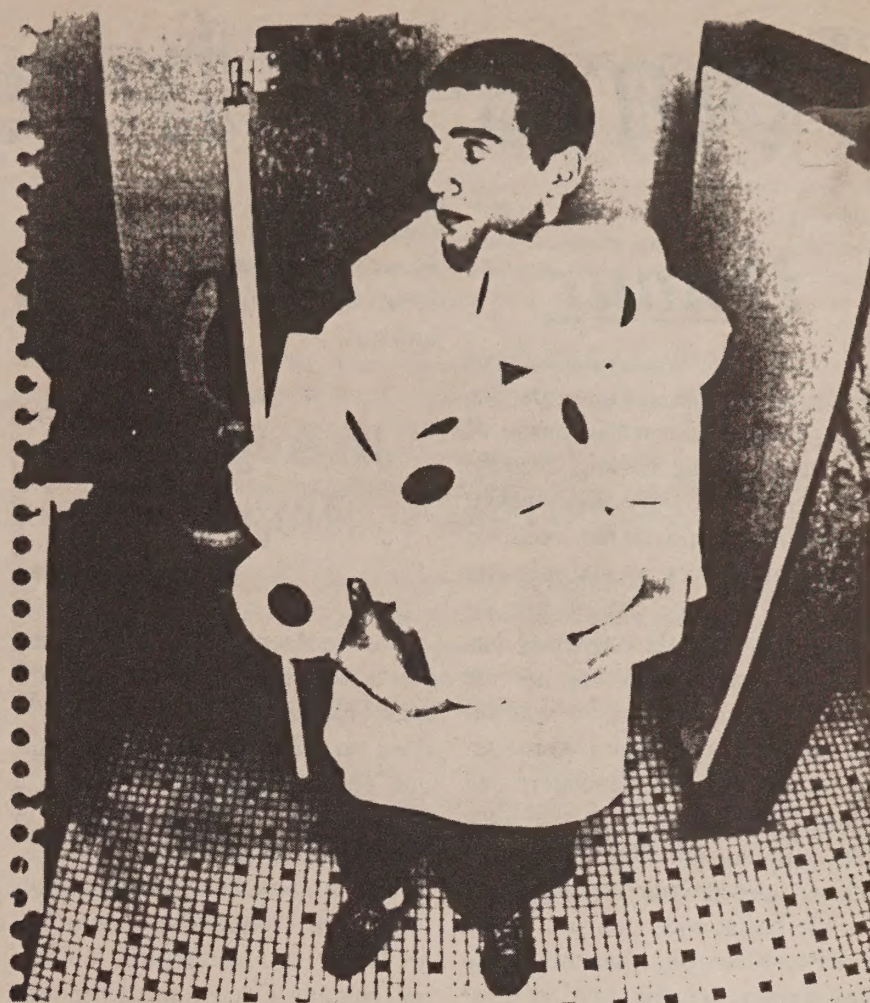
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# POINTS OF INTEREST TO WSC

## Detour

This past weekend the city of Worcester suffered a great loss. Six firefighters, while in the course of their duty, came up missing. The city, community, state and country waited impatiently to find out the condition and whereabouts of six missing firefighters. Tragically all are assumed dead, while one body has been recovered. This was not the only thing that Worcester was informed of this weekend. Worcester also found out how dependent and crippled the city becomes when Rt. 290 is impassable. The Eastbound side was closed Friday evening when the fire began and remained closed Monday afternoon, when this article was written. Traffic snarled most streets in town since obviously the cities' officials had not anticipated this type of major catastrophe. The city is not only crippled by the loss of these six valiant men, but by the cities' lack of a planned alternate route for all traffic. Imagine that Rt. 290 ever has a collapse, that one of the bridges fails, or another fire of this magnitude strikes the city. Will the same thing occur as did this first weekend of December?

What a lesson this is for the city. I for one wish it had been learned in a different manner, but it obviously was a much needed lesson. The population of Worcester by night is roughly 160k, but by day I would imagine that numbers bulge to well over 200k. I attempted to leave my home Monday morning to travel through Kelly Square, get onto Chandler St. and head to school without success. I sat in my car at the main entrance to St. Vincent's hospital, which is approximately a mile from Kelly Square. I did not move one inch for over 1/2 an hour. I turned around to attempt to traverse the route from another direction. Lake Ave was also jam packed, all the way past Lake park, Grafton St. was even worse. Rte. 9 west was delayed into Shrewsbury. In the end I decided to forsake going to school. How many kids got to school today, not only here but to the public system here in town? I heard on the radio that they had a 2 hour delay. All of this due to the fact that Worcester is all too dependent on this one road. There seems to be no adequate detour for any type of emergency. How many residents were delayed in getting to work Monday, and will be again tomorrow and maybe the rest of this week, I wonder?

The real tragedy remains the loss of life on that sorrow filled Fri

day, but the city must now open its eyes to see if it can find a solution to what could become a problem over and over.

Written by John Brown III

## In August We Improve?

In August of 2000 (At least that is the projected date) a new Science and Technology building will open on the Worcester State Campus. This addition to the school is a \$22.5 million dollar investment in the future of WSC.

Among the majors being offered in this impressive state of the art facility are; Academic Computing, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Biology, Geography/Geology, Shared Science, Nursing, Communication Disorders, Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics, Health Science. In the future Physical Therapy will again be offered. So Worcester State will continue to grow into the new millennium by offering new and innovative programs.

This 5 story building will include starting from the ground up; on the first floor, a 200 seat Multimedia Lecture Hall, fully handicapped accessible. An open access computer lab with 80 student stations, and (4) computer classrooms with tiered seating. A complete new modern Communications Disorders Lab, and yes we do have faculty here too, so there will be a wing for them on this floor as well.

The second Floor will contain yet another Computer lab, a seminar room, a classroom and more faculty offices.

The third and fourth floors will contain both science and computer labs. The third floor will also contain faculty offices. If the LRC doesn't suit your taste the fourth floor will have a reading room as well.

As for the fifth and final floor it only contains the Boiler Plant and a greenhouse.

Also included in this package, additional parking. A bid will be issued after the first of the year to build a new lot for residents between the LRC and the tennis courts. No final determination has been made against allocating some of the space in this new lot to commuters. If the bid is found to be acceptable then the new lot will be up and ready to go for the fall 2000 semester. As for the possibility of additional parking, satellite parking with a shuttle has been looked into, but a suitable site has

yet to be found. Students, Faculty and employees could help to alleviate some of the parking problem by utilizing Public Transportation. Faculty could also help by using their current lot and filling it up as opposed to parking in spaces reserved for them. On a daily basis up to thirty spaces are available in the Faculty lot adjunct to the Sullivan Building. If everyone does their part, parking issues could become a thing of the past.

So let us all look forward to what this new building and new parking spaces mean to this college. With state of the arts labs population should continue to grow, but with new people come new problems as well as the resolutions that follow.

John Brown III

## AERho

The Communications Honor Society is looking for new members to help plan for the spring term. To be a member of AEHro you must have a 3.5 GPA in your communications classes and a 3.0 GPA overall. If you do not fit into this criteria, we still want you!

You can join IRTS- International Radio and Television Society and help plan AEHro events. IRTS and AERho look great on a resume, will help you gain experience in the communications field, and most of all are fun. Next semester we would like to go to the IRTS-AEHro Conference in Washington D.C., invite a speaker to the campus, and even take a trip to a Radio or TV station. We have not as yet scheduled a meeting for the Spring Term.

If you are interested in joining please email [JLavallee@worcester.edu](mailto:JLavallee@worcester.edu) or contact Carlos Fontes in the Communications Department.

## Singing God's Praises with CA

On Thursday December 16, 1999, Campus Ambassadors will be going around campus and singing Christmas Carols. Anyone who is a devout Christian or who doesn't regularly practice Christianity, but still loves to get into the holiday spirit, can join us. We are meeting at the Campus Ministry house behind Dowden Hall at 7:00pm. We will also be having a Christmas party after. So please bring an inexpensive, wrapped gift, and if possible, a snack to share. Come join the fun. It's a pleasant break from all the hard work we did this semester.

Submitted for publication by Kristen Sullivan

## *Fun Filled Ways to Beat the Holiday Blues*

The holidays are typically known as a season of spending quality time with loved ones and friends, decorating the family tree and house, baking cookies, and allowing the happy tingle of the Christmas season to set in. Okay...now on to reality.

Between the chaos of cranking out last minute papers for professors who seem to think that the only class that matters is their class, and cramming for last minute exams, not to mention studying for finals, who has time to sit back and enjoy the warm fuzzy filling that fills so many of us with the joy of the Christmas season.

All right, now anybody can type a paper on bullshit, but unless a person can just sit down and magically type a paper on some rare topic like Erythrodermia Symmetrica Progressiva, and still be able to think clearly after trying to pronounce it, then they must have a few marbles rolling around up there, because who would really choose such a tongue-tying topic to talk about.

However, sometimes in between the anarchy to get everything done before December 25th, people might become slightly stressed, or a little edgy, so in light of the season, here are some ways to beat the holiday blues and the occasional touch of mania that comes along with crunch time.

- \* Talk with friends
- \* Roller Skating
- \* Drinking
- \* Eat cookies until throw up
- \* Have random sex with people
- \* Got to Italy
- \* Spend mom's \$\$\$
- \* Play on the Internet
- \* Watch old movies
- \* Play Nintendo 64
- \* Dancing
- \* Spend \$\$\$ on self
- \* Make fun of relatives
- \* Snow board (If only we had cold weather to have snow)
- \* Cross country skiing
- \* Visit friends
- \* Get drunk
- \* Sing holiday songs
- \* Play Christmas music
- \* Get drunk before seeing family
- \* Baking
- \* Dressing up
- \* Listen to loud music
- \* Saving the world from virgins
- \* Gifts and giving
- \* Skiing while intoxicated
- \* Having sex under the mistletoe
- \* Eating
- \* Decorate house
- \* Beneficial stuff
- \* Going to church

*Judithann Walz*

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## Movie Reviews

**Sleepy Hollow:** Based on Washington Irving's classic short story The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow, Tim Burton's take on the headless horseman casts Icabod Crane (Johnny Depp) not as a prissy school teacher, but as a rational though unorthodox investigator from New York city who travels north to investigate a series of murders. The 18th century New England village of Sleepy Hollow finds itself terrorized by a serial killer who removes his victims' heads and apparently spirits them away. In the face of both the town's superstition and the daunting legend of the Hessian Horseman, Crane struggles to unravel the tangled mystery, aided in his efforts by local beauty Katrina Van Tessel (Christina Ricci).

**Toy Story 2:** When Andy, the boy who owns a roomful of living toys, goes off to cowboy camp, an obsessive toy collector kidnaps Woody (Hanks) to add to his valuable collection. Spaceman Buzz Lightyear (Allen) organizes the rescue mission, taking along an army of assorted toys who must work together to save their friend and return home before Andy does.

**Pokemon:** In this film based on the Japanese animation and comic sensation, Ash Ketchum and his friends Misty and Brock, all skilled trainers of Pokemon, creatures with special powers, are lured to the remote and mysterious New Island. They face off against the most powerful Pokemon in the world, a bio-engineered creature called Mewtwo. The group must use their heads and skills of Pokemon Mew and Pikachu to prevail in the most challenging Pokemon battle yet.

**Bone Collector:** A murder is loose on the streets of Manhattan. A diabolical killer whose brutal slayings leave a trail of cryptic messages hidden at the scene of the crime. Clues which only a brilliant mind can interpret. Now as the city lies in fear, a gifted but disabled detective is on the case. Together with the help of a rookie street cop, the two must go inside the mind of this terrifying madman and defeat him at his own game, for he will strike again... But next time, they may just be too late.

**Princess Mononoke:** (The English dubbed version of the 1997 Japanese animated box office smash hit.) Based on Japanese folklore, Ashitaka (Cruden) is a young warrior of a once prestigious clan who was cursed by a forest god. As he sets out to find a way to remove the curse, he meets Lady Eboshi (Driver), the tenacious leader of Iron Town, an industrial, weapons-producing colony in the throes of expansion. As war rages between Iron Town and the forest gods, Ashitaka comes upon San, the Princess Mononoke (Dane), a woman raised in the woods by wolves and the leader of the forces trying to stop man's encroachment into the wilderness. As Ashitaka befriends both women he must decide which side to take in the battle between man and nature.

**Anywhere but here:** When Adele (Sarandon) finally decides that her life in the Midwest will never change for the better, she packs up her car and her protesting daughter Ann (Portman) to Beverly Hills. Ann is a realist who finds herself torn between her love for her mother and the desire to return home and accept her life for what it was. Adele, though quickly realizing Los Angeles is not quite what she had envisioned, struggles to make the most of her surroundings, still believing a positive change will occur.

**Dogma:** When two fallen angels (Damon and Affleck) attempt to re-enter Heaven by way of a religious loophole, God calls upon a woman named Bethany (Linda Fiorentino) to stop them. Swept up in a cross-country journey, Bethany is aided by a series of celestial companions, including a muse turned stripper (Salma Hayek), a messenger from God (Alan Rickman), and a rather annoyed thirteenth apostle (Chris Rock).

**The World Is Not Enough:** James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) temporarily resigns from MI6 to head up security for Elektra King (Marceau) after her father, a prominent oil tycoon, is killed in a bombing attempt on MI6 headquarters. The assassin, Renard (Carlyle) is intent on using the resources of King Enterprises to accomplish a twisted vendetta against MI6. As Renard sets his plan in motion, Bond must fight to protect the organization to which he has devoted his life.

Reviews by Ed McIvor

# Entertainment

## "The Boondocks" There Goes the Neighborhood

In April 1999 the world of newspaper comics was rocked by the arrival of a politically charged, racially honest comic strip. Aaron McGruder's *The Boondocks*, is about two brothers who move from the turbulent inner city streets, to live with their grandfather in the lily white Chicago suburbs. Where other suburban strips bore readers with their "Brady Bunch" outlook on life, *The Boondocks* deals with the boys' adaption to their new environment. The characters are not your typical grade-school children; Huey Freeman (the strip's main character) manifests the infamous "Black Rage Syndrome" with a positive twist: angry and respectful, young, inexperienced and at times, naive. His radical views often clash with the more carefree attitude of other children. Riley, Huey's younger brother, or Mr. Escobar as he prefers to be called, is a thug-in-training who views the streets of Woodcrest as his personal domain and he takes great pleasure in terrorizing local citizens. Jazmine is the daughter of Tom and Sarah Dubois, covert operatives of the NAACP who were responsible for the forced integration of the town of Woodcrest. Jazmine often finds herself torn between Huey's view of the world, and the sheltered life she lives in Woodcrest.

Despite *The Boondocks* success (it was the biggest launch in the history of the Universal Press Syndicate) there have been many critics calling for the removal of the strip from newspapers. The strip's up-front debate of racial relations has compelled many conservatives to label it as "Anti-White" and "Racist." It is not hard to see why some people are apprehensive about *The Boondocks*. In one of the stories Huey forms a one man "Klanwatch," and when asked if he had any basis for stopping a driver, he answers, "Yes, a Pat Buchanan bumper sticker." Comic strips have long been a forum to articulate political ideas, and it seems somewhat disturbing that the only strip dealing openly with race in

America is the one drawing the most fire, in fact some newspapers have moved it to the editorial page. What these critics fail to realize is that the strip belongs in the funnies, even if it has a strong political message attached to it. It was disturbing to read a week's worth of strips about a grandfather trying to get his grandson to mow the lawn on the editorial page. In the end, *The Boondocks* continues to increase readership while critics continue to attack the strip and denying the true state of race relations in this country. Perhaps the critics should pay attention to McGruder when he says, "Not every strip has to be *Family Circus*."

Juan Matos Jr.

## Neurosis of the Month

Well, here it is, the first in what I hope to be many articles chronicling the many, many neuroses that I have run across in my short tenure as a WSC student. By committing these various fears and crippling mental stumbling blocks to paper I hope to be able to maybe help out my fellow student by letting them know that they are not the only one huddled in the corner crying for their mommy. At least, that's what I hope to happen. At the very least I'll be able to work through some of my numerous issues with this school by getting them out in the open. I'm not trying to make this into yet another Dear Abby column, but if anyone wants or needs advice from a raving loony such as myself, feel free to write in and let me know. You can drop off your correspondences, death threats, etc., in the submissions folder outside the Voice Office on the third floor of the Student Center. All

submissions will be held as private and confidential, right up until the point where I put them in my column. So if you don't want your name to go on it, please let me know, or just don't sign the damn thing!

All right, now that I've got all the preliminary stuff out of the way, we can get on with the rest of this article, can't we? Okay, my neurosis for this month is having an off-campus girlfriend, a trial that I'm sure many people here are also going through. Now, there are some advantages to having a girlfriend that one doesn't have to see all the time, but they are few and far between in this journalist's humble (humble, albeit, RIGHT) opinion. While it's sometimes nice to have the distance between us, more often than not it causes more problems than it does help.

Take, for example, my two-hundred dollar phone bill. Definitely not a problem that I had back when she lived right down the street from me. And with distance always comes the problem of keeping up communication. Sure, the phone's an easy way of doing that, but my extravagant phone bill is proof of where that can lead you. Email? Well, that's okay, but there's no real-time back-and-forth exchange. My girlfriend and I have been experimenting with Yahoo Messenger, which allows us to send each other instant messages, and not have to pay for anything besides monthly internet costs. IM has its advantages, and it has its drawbacks. The main thing it has going for it is that it is free, as long as you have net access. That's a definite plus, I'm all about being a cheap

bastard now that I'm in college. (Well, okay, I always was, but now I have a good reason.) The main drawback to instant messages are that it's hard to guess the emotions behind the text. I have an annoying habit of being sarcastic as all get-out, and there's no real way to tell that I'm just kidding about something unless you hear the intonation in my voice and read my facial expressions. You can't do that over a modem, no matter how hard you try. Another setback that I have run into while using Yahoo Messenger is that of time. What would usually be an hour-long conversation is stretched out to two or three hours because you have to type every last damn thing out. And of course, there's the whole issue of availability. In order for messenger to work, both parties obviously need to be online and logged into Yahoo (or whatever server you use.). If neither party use their computers too often, then chances are you won't both happen to be online at the same time unless you email each other and set up a time. Then again, if you're like me and have no life whatsoever, you're significant other will have no problem finding you online, seeing as how you basically spend your life there.

Okay, I bitched enough for right now, so I guess I should get to at least one of the advantages of having an off-campus girlfriend. The major advantage (for me, at least) is having enough distance that you have no problem living your life without having too much interference with your girlfriend. Let me explain that remark before I have all the women on this campus scream

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ing for my head on a pike. I don't mean that I think that all women try to control men, or are nothing more than a distraction from their already full lives. What I meant by that is that I've had some problems in the past making my girlfriends into too big a part of my life, to the point where other stuff would get put aside for the sake of the relationship. So, in that respect, it's been good to have some distance between us. Since she's not always around, I don't feel quite so pressured about being The Boyfriend, and can concentrate more on my own stuff.

Well kiddies, I think that's about all I got in me for this time around. All this thinking has made me head hurt, so I'm gonna go down to the Pub and take some of my prescription pain killers (beer). Until next ish, me amigos!

(The author of this piece wishes to remain nameless, because he's pretty sure his girlfriend would beat the snot out of him if he signed his name to this)

Getting to know the  
TWA!

This week we took  
some time to come up  
with a few questions  
for the TWA. Here are  
there responses.

Your name, year, major, and where you are from?  
Place you would most like to see?  
Athlete you would most like to emulate?  
Name the event that most shaped your life?  
If someone could change places with you and live your life, would you want them too?

What are your goals at WSC?

Jennifer Guzman is a Senior, majoring in Business and Spanish. Hails from the Dominican Republic. Minor in Secondary Ed. If she could emulate any athlete it would be Sammy Sosa. She would love to travel to Africa and Cuba. Her life changed when she was proposed to, and also when she moved to the U.S. She is very happy living her own life. Her goals here are to make a difference, conclude her years with a good, promising Education. And finally, to provide a multi-cultural environment for all students today and in later years.  
Samantha Santiago- Freshman, undeclared, from Shrewsbury. Italy is her location of choice. Jackie Joyner-Kersey. Her niece being born affected her the most. To change places; YES. Samantha wants to make Dean's list every year.  
Madelyn Barrera- 2nd year, Communications disorders, Worcester. She would like to see Niagara Falls. She would like to meet Pedro Martinez and Sammy Sosa. Attending college. she would trade places on weekdays, but leave her weekends alone! To party, to pass, and leave TWA with memories of accomplishments.  
Erica Ayisi- Freshman, Business, Worcester. Wants to see Ghana. Would emulate Judith Jamison. Being accepted at college most shaped her life. Yes she would trade places. Her goal is to transfer with excellent grades.  
Joseph Chevalier- sophomore/ health stud

ies/ Waltham. Joe wants to visit Mars. Athletes get paid too much \$ Being born. As for trading places. "no my world is too much!" When I take over the world I want to enjoy it!  
Edith Peralta- is a sophomore, from Lawrence, taking Business Admin. wants to travel to the Caribbean. As for athletes she doesn't have one. Her Senior year of Highschool most shaped her life. She went through alot, but kept her chin up. Wouldn't trade; Because there is a reason for me to live my life. Goal is to get Bachelors' and to get her Doctorate. She would also like to change the school around.

Laxmi Bissondia- is a sophomore in the nursing program. Although she was born in Trinidad (Caribbean), she currently lives in Worcester. If she could travel to any place in the world, she would go to South America. As far as having an athlete to emulate, she has none, but when it comes to experiencing different cultures, she is very diverse. Not only has she travelled back to Trinidad, but she has also toured Guyana, Panama, Texas, Florida, and (her now home state) Massachusetts. "My wildest experience was witnessing the war in 1989 with Noreaga in Panama. How the people, government and culture was affected and what kind of an affect it had on me." If she could switch places with anyone and have them live her life, she wouldn't because, "I truly have a sincere view of life and strongly believe that my mistakes, experiences, accomplishments and goals are the things that teach me to live my life the way I do. I wouldn't have it any other way." Her goals here at WSC are to graduate with her nursing degree and to later go on and become a doctor, or more specifically, a Pediatrician.

SGA Auction

On December 7th the Student Government Association, with the help of many WSC students, staff, and Worcester community members made \$8,633.72 for the Mustard Seeds of Worcester. The Mustard Seed Are a homeless shelter on Piedmont Street. The auction had many big spenders and many who went away with great bargains. Aimee Caminiti, a WSC student, was the biggest spender of the night. She bought one semester's room and board (which was donated by the Office of Residence Life and Housing) for the bargain price of \$1,200. In total, Aimee donated over \$2,000 to Mustard Seed. Another big spender was Scott Marshall, who purchased Ice Cats tickets, coins, antiques, and an autographed picture of Billy Joel.

Bidding continued for many hours, with people buying such items ranging from pizzas to a tour of the State House. The best deals of the night were taken home by Jess Cinellie and Sue Szpakowski. Jess bought an Alumni rocking chair, valued at \$300, for \$135. But it was Sue who got the absolute best deal of the night. She purchased a Kaplan Test Prep class for \$150. The classes usually range in price from \$909 to \$1209. The SGA would like to thank these big spenders, and everyone else who helped make this Auction such a success.

Jen Lavalley

And They're Off

The Worcester State Men's and Women's Track and Field teams opened the 1999-2000 indoor season this past Saturday December 4th at the Alden Invitational at Brown University. Though the only Division III school at the meet, the Lancers competed well against the mostly Division I competition. In the process the team accomplished the goals they had set for the meet. According to coaches Al Harper and Chris D'Aniello, the main focus was to provide an early opportunity for competition that would let everyone know where they were prior to exam period. Then the athletes would be able to set goals for semester break as coaches designed their workouts based on their performance level. This was accomplished and pleasantly the team appeared to be on or ahead of schedule for the season.

The secondary goal was to send a message that Worcester State's program will provide much excitement during the season and will contend individually in the MASCAC league for a variety of first place finishes and more.

Several outstanding performances led the way at Brown University. Stanley Egbor who attended the Nationals last spring, won the 200m in a fast 22.52, beat with a time of 6.87 in the 55 meter dash and 24.28 for 14th overall in the 200m. Reevers' best effort came in the long jump, with a 22' 2-1/2" jump for 8th place. Femi Ojeikere and Brendan McGrail also competed in the meet. Ojeikere in the 55m and 200m, while McGrail in the 200m and 400m.

Andy Gallivan finished with a time of 9:30 for the 3000m to finish 12th. James Pierce, running in his first 800m race out kicked a Holy Cross runner to finish in 2:10.60.

For the women, Nikisha Johnson led the way with top performances in the 55m and 200m. her times of 7.67 and 27.99 respectively will put her among the top group in the MASCAC and give her the opportunity to compete for the title in both events. Rebecca Jaques competed well in the 200m and 400m and will see improvement as the season continues.

The season holds some good things for the future. While the season is still young, the performances show great promise. The team which is still trying to build, hopes more athletes will form the program at the start of the second semester. If interested the coaches would like to speak to student-athletes before break to get them started and "on track."

Men's Basketball

Dec. 11 @Mad Monk Tournament

@St. Joseph's college

(WSC vs. NE College)

Dec. 12 Mad Monk Tourn. (TBA)

Dec. 14 @Amherst college 7pm

Tues. Jan. 4 @ V foundation tourn.

(Roanoke Univ.-Va, Chowan College

-NC, Lehman College-NY, WSC)

Jan. 5 @ V foundation tourn.

@ Fitchburg state 8pm

Jan 13 Clark University 8pm

Jan 15 Westfield St. 4Pm

Jan. 18 @ Framingham St. 7:30Pm

Jan. @ Mass. College of

Liberal arts 4pm

Jan. 25 Bridgewater St.

Women's Basketball

Tues. Jan 4 @ Univ. Of Ca.

San Diego 7pm

Jan. 7 @Chapman Univ. -Orange Ca.

Jan. 11 @ Fitchburgh St 6pm

Jan. 13 Wheaton College 6pm

Jan. 15 Westfield St. "Alumni Day" 2pm

Jan. 18 @ Framingham St. 5:30pm

Jan. 20 Springfield College 7pm

Jan. 22 @ Mass. College Of Liberal

Arts 2pm

Jan. 25 Bridgewater St. 6Pm

Jan. 27 Eastern Conn. St. Univ. 7Pm

Ice Hockey

Dec. 11 WNEC 6pm

Jan. 8 Framingham St.\*\* 7pm

Jan. 12 @ Johnson & Wales 8:15pm

Jan. 15 Curry College 7pm \*\*

Jan. 18 @ WNEC 8:15pm

Jan. 22 @ Stonehill College 2:15pm

Jan. 25 @ Tufts Univ. TBA

Jan. 27 @ UMass-Dartmouth 7:30pm

\*\* Hart Center/ Holy Cross  
7 other athletes in that race. He also finished 5th out of 30 in the 55 meter in a time just off the national qualifying standard of 6.54. Racheem Reeve also did we